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I would like to express my extreme displeasure with the settlement agreement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft corporation.

Language in the settlement, specifically Section III(J)(2), effectively allow Microsoft to exclude any not-for-profit organizations from the remedies allowed commercial organizations. Since large parts of the Internet are powered by software and applications created by not-for-profit organizations, Microsoft will be able to exclude it's biggest competitors (eg The Apache Foundation/www.apache.org produces the most widely used webserver on the Internet). This settlement does more to stifle competition and empower Microsoft than it does to curb the behaviors which led to them being found guilty.

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